

EDITORIAL

This present volume represents my last contribution as editor of *Northern Studies*. It is with a certain degree of satisfaction that I can look on the volume and its contents, seeing in it an assemblage of papers which covers most of the key areas of interest of members of the Society. It is with great pleasure in particular that I welcome the return of a good body of representation from archaeology, with the interim reports from the St Boniface Cliff-section excavations on Westray and the Lairg Project in Sutherland. Both of these reports are published with the aid of a publication grant from Historic Scotland.

I wish my successors as editors of *Northern Studies* every success in their management of this difficult child and thank all my friends on the Committee for their support during my tenure of the editorship.